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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

The Secretary of Defense has tasked Lt. General Alfred D. Starbird to form the Defense Communications Planning Group and to accomplish a certain highly classified mission. I believe you are familiar generally with that mission. The task is to be accomplished in the minimum possible time and carries a top national priority.

In connection with the mission, General Starbird has isolated a problem which badly needs earliest solution. There is a possibility that the Agency might help in this regard. He has contacted [redacted] and [redacted] described to him the problem. I also have asked [redacted] [redacted] by phone to give General Starbird and his people all possible help.

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This letter is intended to confirm the Department's request and to inform you that General Starbird is authorized to designate those of his own people properly cleared for receipt and protection of any information given them.

Sincerely,

*John Foster, Jr.*  
John S. Foster, Jr.

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SNIE 10-1-67 makes the statement "Hanoi could attempt to use MIGs if other measures to foil or breach the system failed, but we think this is least likely."

In paragraph 3 of this memo, we indicate there is a capability for a significant threat, but we do not assess the probability that fighters would be employed. If DD/S&T members had assessed this probability, we would have deemed it more likely than ONE.

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